

>> reasons for this. The primary portals into the state, whether Louisville, Cincinnati or even Bowling Green on interstates 65, 64 and 75, are not safe to be pulling over people pulling trailers. So, we de-emphasized that.

That being said, we had a situation here in 2003. There was a very large Arabian show at the horse park. A disease outbreak came up in Texas shortly before the show that severely, by our law, limited their ability to come. We managed to get an emergency regulation passed to allow some animals from Texas to come. Then to make sure we were not getting any diseased animals, we actually set up a check station in the Bowling Green area on Interstate-65, and manned it with our enforcement officers, because they had the ability to stop people. We diverted the animals coming into the state from there to a safe location. I think we used Kentucky Downs. We examined their papers, examined their animals and put them back on the road. We stopped everyone that came into the state. That situation was real, and it showed the ability of our officers to do that in a situation where the need dictated it. I had nine officers then, and that made it a little bit easier.

We have Explorers that are fully equipped with communication equipment and blue lights, the whole nine yards — even a cage. Our previous vehicles did not have cages and that concerned me. What if one of my officers made a routine stop of a couple of men hauling horses? What if he goes up to them and it is obvious that the driver is drunk, and there are two of them? While he is taking care of one, the other one is vamoosed or maybe has snuck up behind him. We had no way of securing anyone. Now we can. We can secure somebody if we need to. We can transport somebody if we need to, but we don't want to. If that situation happens, our officer's first call is for back up from local law enforcement, but there may be a need to secure the situation. I pushed hard to get the vehicles and have them equipped the way they are. You only need one time to need it.

As for animal issues, in the North American International Livestock Exposition dairy cow show, they examine the cows' udders with ultrasound because people cheat. Part of the examination of

the judging has to do with the cow's udder and what it looks like and feels like. People inject all kinds of things into the udder to make it look like they think it should, to make it pretty — but it's illegal. So, when they do the ultrasound investigation, some people get caught, and they get upset. They were causing the inspectors a lot of grief. Well, we put one of our officers there and the conversation stopped, just because of the law enforcement presence. Once they did have an altercation where they ended up having to call Louisville Metro police to do something about it.

A couple of years ago, we had a ruling from our legal staff that we could issue administrative violations. We usually do not write a citation that has to be taken to local court. We write administrative violations that have automatic fines attached to them. The person can contest them and have a hearing here in my office if they don't agree with it. But these things, many times, did not rise very high on the agenda of the county attorney. Sometimes, in local jurisdictions it is hard to get a jury, so administrative violations work much better. Also, our investigators keep

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